

## Parish OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS Goring Way

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## Twenty-First Sunday of the Year

Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm	Nell & Bill O'Keeffe RIP
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.15am	Stella Doll RIP
		10.30 am	The Parish
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Thomas & John Walsh RIP
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Roger Davis RIP
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Anne Steere (ill)
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Andre Fisher RIP
		12.30 pm	REQUIEM FOR CHRISTOPHER HATTON RIP
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Josie & Paddy Bryan RIP
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	The Parish
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.15 am	Deceased members of the McGrath Family
		10.30 am	Intention of Catherine Madder
		6.00 pm	Polish Mass



**SATURDAY:** Reconciliation: 10.15–10.45 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ephesians 5: 21-32; John 6:60-69

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**COLLECTIONS:** Church: £297 + £ digital collection Thank you for your generosity.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Kathleen Brennan, Chris Judge, Brian Caplin. John Iago, Siobhan Isaacs, Valerie Halley, Pat Duggan, Anne O'Halloran, Tony Grana, Sister Raymond, Liz Harvey, John Smith, Mick Brouder, Eileen Beech, Ian Threlfall, Thomas Duggan, Len Argent, Sister Catherine Lai, Justin Gould, Rose Little, Lelia Murray, Mary Murphy, Anne Steere, Margaret Birch, Lita Yong, Patrick Ryan, Brenda Peazold, Mary Wessel, Gina Palermo, Elizabeth Hoskins, Joan Cutmore, Gordon Milne, Alfred Deacon, Roni Horstead, Ronnie Tyler, Bill Hogg, Breda Schlimgen, Michaela Finn, Winifred Lyons, Yvette Allen, Kerry McStravick, Lydia Van Melsen

**2. THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY** and those whose anniversaries occur about now: Richard Wood, Syd Colbran, Baby Grace Hudson, Anne McAlinden, Reginald Hart, Baby Russell Prince, Hilda Doyle, Anne Tims, Paul Lucas, Mary Rolph, Patricia Johnson, Stephen Smith, Jeremiah Daly, Father Sean McWheeney, Harold Hudson, Leonard Coombes, Chris Gale, Bridget Connolly, Donald Musgrove *May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

**3. WELCOME TO ANY VISITORS** to our Parish this weekend. We do hope that you have enjoyed your stay

**4. GREAT NEWS – LIFE IS RETURNING TO ENGLISH MARTYRS:** In September the Little Angels Mother and Toddler Group and the Little Angels Music group will be returning as will Friendship in the Bran. We will have Altar servers and two readers at Mass although Holy Communion will remain under only one kind. Teresa will be returning with her TRADCRAFT Sales and if any volunteers appear there could be refreshments after the 10.30 Mass.

**5. MARY'S MEALS:** We need Toothpaste, Flannels and serviceable towels (any size). Many thanks to all who so generously contribute to these backpacks as they enable children to go to school and be fed a nourishing meal.

**6. DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 4 and 12 years?** Have they outgrown their shoes? If you have sandals, flip-flops, trainers, shoes that still have life in them please place them in the collection container for Mary's Meals in the West Porch. They are much needed. Thank you.

**7. CAFOD** is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

**8 MARCH FOR LIFE:** The annual (last year excepted) March for Life will take place this year in London on Saturday 4th September. This is a wonderful opportunity to give witness to the right to life of all, regardless of stage or condition. This year the focus will be protecting the unborn. The March will start at the back of The Emmanuel Centre and finish in Parliament Square where there will be a stage set up for public speeches and testimonies. This will be a great event – if you're there! For full details : <http://www.marchforlife.co.uk/m4luk-2021-event-page/>

**9. MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS:** Anyone celebrating a wedding anniversary that has particular significance for them is welcome to join the annual celebration of marriage at St Joseph's Church in Guildford. This year the celebration, with Bishop Richard, is on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 11.30. In order that we can be Covid compliant we do ask that everyone books their space via our website. Please use the following link [Diocesan Marriage Anniversaries Mass and Reception \(09-Oct-2021\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) or contact the Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser, Katherine Bergin at [Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Katherine.bergin@abdiocese.org.uk) (Places are limited to 150). We so look forward to celebrating with you!

**10. TURNING TIDES (WCHP):** Items needed: Cereal bars, Sugar, Coffee, Small Juices, Cooking Oil, Squash, Carton Milk, Crisps. also Hand Sanitisers, Liquid Soaps, Shampoo, Toilet Rolls, Kitchen Rolls, Toilet Cleaner, Washing Powder, Washing Liquid, Cream Cleaner, Black Sacks, Sandwich Bags, Ante-Bac Spray, Cereal Bowls, Small Tents, Bath Towels. Single Duvets. Men's Jeans, Jogging Bottoms, (Small/Medium) Men's Boxers (New please) Many thanks to those who are so generous in their donations.

**FATHER LIAM SAYS: One of the Creeds of our Sunday Mass** is called the Nicæan Creed or more correctly, the Niceno-Constantinopolitas Creed because it owes its origin to two Councils of the Church, the Council held at Nicæa in the year 325 and the Council held at Constantinople in the year 381. The Council of Nicæa was held to decide exactly who the Son of God is. Many people had come to believe that the Son of God who took on himself our human nature when he was born into the world was not really divine. Jesus was the most perfect human-being that ever lived but that was all he was. He did not have the nature of God because they believed that God could not become man and could not be put to death. Jesus was of a similar nature to God, so perfect a human being he was, but he was not God. The Council of Nicæa was called to solve this great dispute, which was tearing Christianity apart. Its teaching is enshrined in the Nicæan Creed and it declares our belief in one lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father, through him all things were made.

In those days – especially in the Eastern parts of the Church, people eagerly discussed these deep religious truths of the faith. Not long afterwards they turned their attention to the Holy Spirit. Some people began teaching that the Holy Spirit was not really divine. So serious did the dispute become that another great Council of the Church was held, this time in Constantinople. All the early great Councils were held in the East where most of the great theologians and thinkers lived. Some people believed that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father *through* the Son, while the Western Christians favoured the idea that he proceeded from the Father *and* the Son. The Council did not wish to split the Church by coming down on one side rather than the other and was content to issue a creed affirming that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father. The Church lived with that creed – that the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father for over 600 years. In the course of these centuries there was growing tension between the Church in the West and the Church in the East. Rome, the seat of the papacy, was long surpassed in splendour by Constantinople, the seat of the Emperor. The city of Rome had been overrun by the Barbarians and was looked down upon by the cultured and prosperous City of Constantinople. The Patriarch of Constantinople resented being regarded as lower in rank to the Bishop of Rome and many events, including the Crusades, made relations between them even more difficult. What finally caused the Great Schism between East and West occurred when the Pope began insisting that the Holy Spirit proceeded from the Father and the Son. The Council of the Church at Constantinople had not taught this and the East was horrified that the Pope took it upon himself to change the solemn teaching of the Council. To this day in our Niceno-Constantinopolitas Creed we have the form of words that caused – and continues to cause – such grief.

In the Creeds of the Church the truths that are placed before us are on the level of our final goal, such as the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, the Incarnation and Redemption. God's love and mercy and forgiveness towards sinful humanity and eternal life in the perfect Kingdom of God which he shares with us. The Creeds remind us that not all the truths of our faith are of equal importance. There is a hierarchical order of revealed truths. Although all the truths revealed by divine faith must be kept with equal fidelity some of them are on the level of means towards salvation. So the Creeds don't mention the seven sacraments or the place of Pope and bishops in the Church. These truths are the means which are given by Christ to the Church for her pilgrim journey here on earth. When the pilgrim journey ends, so also do these means come to an end.

It is rather like the famous image of Christ the Redeemer overlooking the city of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. A group of Brazilian Catholics raised the funds to commission this work in the 1920's. One hundred and thirty feet tall and ninety-eight feet wide it took almost ten years to build. From the beginning it was designed to be lit by a complete array of floodlights. The purpose of the floodlights is not to draw attention to themselves but to illuminate the figure of Christ and to draw our attention to him. Similarly with the devotion we have to Mary and the Saints. They are intended to direct us to the Risen One, the source of saving grace.

May God Bless you,  
Fr. Liam.